

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 27 of page 2 of the originally filed application as follows:

Since bandwidth in a digital broadcast system is limited and valuable, efficient use of the bandwidth is desirable. Accordingly, a digital broadcast system is proposed in U.S. patent application Serial No. []09/695,226, filed concurrently herewith to Marko et al for "Method and Apparatus for Employing Stored Content at Receivers to Improve Efficiency of Broadcast System Bandwidth Use", which provides for local storage devices at receivers for storing selected content (e.g., audio programs). The receivers are configured to receive a broadcast signal and to generate an output signal for playback via a loudspeaker, for example, using content transmitted in the broadcast signal, or by accessing and retrieving from the local storage device previously stored content segments that were identified in the broadcast signal.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 8 of page 3 of the originally filed application as follows:

The local storage device can also be used to store content consisting of relatively large files that have been transmitted to the user receiver via the digital broadcast system. The files can provide updated weather reports, maps, software, advertisements and so on. Due to the size of the files, the digital broadcast system partitions a large file and transmits the partitions in respective bursts to the user receivers. As described in U.S. patent application Serial No. []09/695,228, to Marko et al for "Method and Apparatus for Implementing File Transfers to Receivers in a Digital Broadcast System" and filed concurrently herewith, the partitions are re-broadcast a number of times. The receivers are configured to buffer the partitions and to monitor the reception and buffering of partitions until substantially all of the file has been captured in a memory device. It would be advantageous to have a receiver

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operable to generate messages to the user that updated content is available from the local storage device for on-demand access. It would also be advantageous to have the ability to transmit content at a relatively low bit rate that can be captured and stored via the local storage device at a receiver for access at a later time.
